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Applicants:	Shetty et al.	Examiner:	Smith, Ruth S.
Application No.:	09/486,125	Art Unit:	3737
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Title:	DATA ACQUISITION FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING TECHNIQUE		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication responds to the Notice of Abandonment issued June 6, 2003 and the Final Office Action issued November 13, 2002. The Notice of Abandonment indicated that the present Application was abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the November 13, 2002 Office Action. As indicated in the Petition to Revive filed herewith, our Chicago office docketing department never received the November 13, 2002 Office Action. We became aware of the outstanding Office Action on May 21, 2003 during a phone conversation with the Examiner and did not receive the outstanding Office Action until June 10, 2003, which was the date we received the Notice of Abandonment. We therefore

respectfully request that this response to the November 13, 2002 Office Action be considered without fees due in connection with the filing of this response. If, however, any further fees are due, the additional fees should be charged to the Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.